

# WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES 4 P.M.

At the Farmers Bank on the Afternoon of Saturday, April 16,  
.....-THE CHARITON COURIER'S BIG PIANO CONTEST CLOSES-.....

All Voting Must Be Done in the Locked Ballot Box at the Bank That Day.

The Prizes Are Two \$450 Lombard Pianos.  
Twenty-Six Payments on Pianos from \$100 to \$225 each  
And the Following Prizes Given by Merchants:

## CAUTION!

FOR THE SECRET  
BALLOT

If You Want Perfect  
Secrecy

Write the Subscriber's  
name plainly, also the  
name of the Contestant  
for whom you wish to  
vote, inclosing with the  
proper amount of cash in  
a plain envelope, seal it  
and place it in the ballot  
box.

## LIST OF PRIZES.

### Keytesville.

H. M. Sigloch, Drugs and Jewelry—\$40 Diamond Ring.  
E. W. Herring, Drugs and Jewelry—\$35 Diamond Brooch.  
Chariton Hardware Co., Hardware—\$35 Acorn Cast Range.  
Minter & Lamkin, Farm Loans, Abstracts and Insurance—  
\$25 in Gold.  
W. C. Gaston, Drugs and Jewelry—\$20 Gold Watch.  
Blair Miller & Co., Dry Goods—\$12 Silk Dress Pattern and  
\$3 Pair of Shoes.  
Milt Bennett, Harness and Shoes—\$12 Set Single Harness.  
C. S. Patton & Co., Groceries and Meats—\$10 in Trade.  
W. H. Burns, Groceries—\$10 in Trade.  
R. J. Bailey, Groceries—\$5 Porcelain and \$5 in Coffee.  
Agee Bros., Clothing and Gent's Furnishings—\$10 Lady's  
Trunk or Suit Case.  
T. F. White, Dry Goods—\$10 Chiffon Broadcloth Cloak.

### Salisbury

Dameron Bros., Dry Goods—\$15 Fur Set including Gloves.  
Herman & Glasen, Implements, \$15 12-inch Plow and Cut-  
ter Complete.  
J. M. Coffman, Jeweler—\$15 Lady's Gold Watch.  
Paul Stamper & Bro., Clothing—\$12.50 Lady's Trunk.  
J. O. Snyder, Groceries—\$10 Dinner Set.  
A. Weiler, Shoes and Gent's Furnishings—\$10 in Shoe Trade.  
Herrford Furniture Co., Furniture—\$10 Hand Carved Rocker.  
Hunker Hardware Co., Hardware—\$10 Chaffing Dish and Tray.  
J. D. Brumhall Drug Co., Drugs—\$10 in Trade.

### Brunswick

George Difani, Drugs and Jewelry—\$25 Solid Gold Watch  
or Diamond Ring.

Knight & Rucker, Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries—  
\$20 Tailor-made Suit or Silk Dress Pattern.  
Brunswick Lumber & Implement Co., Lumber and Imple-  
ments \$15 12 inch Plow with Cutter or 60 tooth Harrow.  
L. W. Heisel, Furniture—\$15 Lady's Dressing Table.  
Riley & Staebus, Saddlery and Harness—\$10 Chase Plush  
Robe and Foot Warmer.  
Tschann & Foggin, Hardware—\$10 Perfection Oil Stove or  
Sunshine Rotary Washer.

### Mendon

Emil Loew, Harness and Saddlery—\$12.50 Single Driving  
Harness.  
Adam Gehrig, Furniture—\$12.50 Kitchen Cabinet.  
R. J. Mell, General Merchandise—\$10 in Trade.  
Herdson's Pharmacy, Drugs—\$5 Cut Glass Water Bottle.  
John B. Accola, Hardware—\$5 Parlor Lamp, \$7 Toilet Set  
or Carlishad China Cups, Saucers and Plates.

### Triplett

Knight & Rucker, General Merchandise—\$15 Suit of Clothes  
or Rug.  
Triplett Hardware Store, Hardware—\$10 Keen Cutter Set of  
Triple Plate Knives, Forks, Table and Tea Spoons.  
Triplett Drug Co., Drugs—\$5 Stag Horn Toilet Set.

### Whitham

Blakeley Merc. Co.,—\$10 in General Merchandise.



\$450 LOMBARD PIANO—Upright (Verti-Grand)  
With Perfected Scale, Improved Action and French Finish

Solid hard wood case, very massive. Scale 7 1/4 octaves, 88 keys, white keys capped with  
genuine elephant ivory, and black keys of finest ebony. Imported tested steel strings, the bass  
over strung and full copper wound. Beautiful gold bronze plate of heavy tested bell metal. Full  
automatic swinging music desk with raised centerpiece. Rolling Boston fall board with contin-  
uous hinge. Empire top—entire top raises. Lambs wool felt hammers, supported by brass flange  
action. Nicked tuning pins. Our special French repeating action, carefully adjusted and bal-  
anced for fine effects, with noiseless steel trap work, mouseproof. Three pedals, center pedal  
operating muffler bar for practice purposes or special musical effects. The sound board of test-  
ed Vermont Spruce, extra ribbed, with laminated acoustic rim, modeled after the grand piano,  
and producing the great tone of the grand piano. Double castors, ball-bearing, making piano  
easy to move. Back braced with six large posts of hard wood, giving great strength and rigidity  
to endure the 50,000 pounds tension. Height 4 ft. 9 in. Length 5 ft. 4 in. Depth 2 ft. 4 in. Weight  
boxed 1000 lbs.

This piano marks the greatest advance in piano making in a decade. It is  
very heavy and massive—100 pounds heavier than the largest pianos of other  
makes—showing the solid construction which will withstand the greatest strain  
and heaviest use. The simple beauty and elegance of the case captivates all who  
see it. The tone is wonderfully deep and melodious. It has no equal at any  
price, in solidity, durability, and clearness and sweetness of tone. The action is  
easy and yet firm. It is a grand piano in an upright case—a verti-grand, with  
laminated acoustic rim and grand piano scale.

A stool, handsome scarf and instruction book with each piano.

REMEMBER THE MERCHANTS' COUPONS COST YOU NOTHING, BUT THEY  
WILL HELP DECIDE IT IN THE COUNTY CONTEST.

Ask the Merchants named above for your Coupon for every Cash Purchase, and then cast them for some  
county contestant on the list. You are not doing the square thing by your own or your neighbor's daugh-  
ter if you do not get the Merchant's Coupons to which you are entitled, and present them to her, or cast  
them yourself at this office. Help the girl.

GIRLS, REMEMBER! It is better to be a winner by 100,000 extra votes than be a loser by only a few votes. Every young lady contestant should get  
each and every one of her friends interested in getting subscriptions and votes for her. Remember that only a few 5, 10, or  
20 year subscriptions will count up fast and may put you on the safe side.

Be sure that every vote is cast at the Bank before 4 p. m. Saturday, April 16. The Judges, O. P. Ray,  
W. W. White and Geo. H. Applegate, will make the count as soon as convenient after the voting closes.

## CHARITON COURIER.

C. P. VANDIVER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI

THE firm of Taft, Aldrich, &  
Cannon would not relish that  
Indiana dose as a steady Bev-  
eridge.

ALLDS and Conger are both  
out. Now if the rest of the New  
York legislature will also resign  
the state may yet be happy.

HERE's a reckless man adver-  
tising for a wife who can speak  
three languages. Many another  
man longs for single blessedness  
because of the facility with which  
his wife can talk in one.

CLEVELAND street railways  
have earned a profit on three-  
cent fares. This must be a  
terrible shock to the men and  
newspapers that used to de-  
nounce Tom L. Johnson as an  
anarchist and his three-cent fare  
plan as an iridescent dream.

THE charges of Pinchot and  
Glavis against Secretary Ballin-  
ger have been amply sustained  
if not another word of testimony  
is taken by the committee which  
has been sitting at Washington.  
The developments of the last  
few days have caused dismay  
and alarm to the best friends of  
President Taft and fear has been  
expressed that before the inves-  
tigation is ended—despite the  
manifest efforts of the pro-Bal-  
linger majority of the committee  
to apply the whitewash brush—  
the whole administration will be  
involved. The testimony of the  
agents of the Morgan-Guggen-  
heim syndicate as to the enormous  
profits the combine would reap  
from the favorable action Bal-  
linger was trying to take on coal  
claims bears so damaging an  
aspect that no evidence offered  
in Ballinger's behalf can modify  
its effects. The secretary of the  
interior has been fully shown to  
be manifestly unfit to occupy the  
position he does by the grace of  
the "easy" president. Mr. Taft  
from now on will have plenty to  
do to clear his own skirts of the  
nasty mess without shielding his  
appointee.

THE Republicans of Indiana,  
in state convention, while essay-  
ing a difficult straddle by en-  
dorsing both Taft and Beveridge,  
were outpoken enough in their  
reprobation of the Taft-Aldrich-  
Payne tariff bill. With the in-  
surgents dominating Republican  
state conventions as far east as  
the Hoosier state, the outlook for  
Republican harmony in the West  
can hardly be termed roseate.

THE Pittsburg grand jury has  
finally struck at the "man high-  
er up" in the councilmanic  
bribery cases. It recommends  
the indictment of the head of the  
Pressed Steel Car Co., a leading  
business man, banker and  
prominent citizen, the charge  
being that he was the ring-leader  
in the wholesale bribery of  
councilmen and others that has  
been going on for years. The  
head of another Pittsburg  
financial institution has gone be-  
fore the district attorney and ad-  
mitted that he has no defense to  
make against the charges  
implicating the institution he  
represents. Thus far in the  
proceedings Pittsburg has set a  
commendable example in the  
business of municipal house-  
cleaning. Let the good work go  
on, with no discrimination shown  
in favor of the big corruptionists  
of pretentious respectability as  
against the little grafters of the  
\$81.10 class, and the smoky city  
will have done much to redeem  
itself.

If the muck raker was ever in  
need of justification, the graft  
revelations in Pittsburg have  
supplied it. There, it appears,  
the honest councilman was the  
exception rather than the rule.  
The honor of many of the city  
fathers was held at a very low  
figure, \$81.10 being the current  
quotation for councilmanic votes  
in a number of instances, while  
others required more money.  
And big business, as usual, was  
tarred with the same stick as  
petty graft. Honored financiers  
were not above purchasing the  
votes of venal law-makers with

their dirty money. How many  
other cities are as corrupt as  
Pittsburg? Let the muck raker  
continue to stir the dirty mess of  
political and commercial cor-  
ruption until both big business  
and petty graft learn the lesson  
that, in the final reckoning, hon-  
esty is the best policy.

### MORE OF THE FRAUD.

It is a sad commentary on the  
outlook of the Republican party  
when its demoralized condition  
is attested by shameful relations  
of startling corruption in many  
prominent centers of the coun-  
try, to which disgrace is added  
quarrels in the ranks of its lead-  
ers which threaten the disintegra-  
tion of the party; when to brace  
up the spirits of the despondent  
members, the chairman of the  
Republican national committee

## For His Sake

"My husband begged me  
to take Cardui," writes Mat-  
tie L. Bishop, of Waverly,  
Va., "and for his sake I a-  
greed to try it. Before I had  
taken 1 bottle, I felt better.  
"Before taking Cardui I  
suffered miserably every  
month and had to go to  
bed until it wore off, but  
now I am all right."

Take **CARDUI**

### The Woman's Tonic

You know Cardui will  
help you, because it has  
helped others who were  
in the same fix as you.  
It is not only a medi-  
cine for sick women, but  
a tonic for weak women.  
Being made from mild,  
gentle, vegetable ingredi-  
ents, it is perfectly harm-  
less and has no bad  
after-effects.  
Cardui can be relied  
upon to help you.  
Try it today.  
At all druggists.

feels called upon to utter the  
assurances of hope ahead of the  
return of Roosevelt in these  
words: "Somewhere on the  
Nile there is a gentleman whose  
force throughout the country it  
is difficult to estimate and whose  
return to these shores will bring  
encouragement to all hearts."

One man is supposed to possess  
the wonderful attributes, suffi-  
cient in power to cleanse the Re-  
publican party of its impurities,  
to heal dissensions, to restore  
harmony and revive confidence,  
so that the people will continue  
party in control of the govern-  
ment. Despair not, ye anxious  
ones; Roosevelt will be your  
savior.

He must be a mighty man,  
who by the simple uplifting of  
his hand can expel the disorders  
which attach to the Republican  
party. And is Theodore Roose-  
velt such a wonderful prophet?  
There are not a few people  
who regard the confidence  
hitherto placed in the vaporings  
of Roosevelt as largely the cause  
of the really terrible conditions  
which exist to-day throughout  
the United States. They look  
upon him, because of his oppor-  
tunities, as most responsible for  
fastening upon the country the  
vast monopolies known as trusts.  
He has preached more bogus  
sermons against the trusts than  
any other man, while at the very  
time he was personally and offi-  
cially sanctioning the violation  
of solemn law in condensing and  
solidifying the trusts. Who but  
President Roosevelt gave his  
consent to the taking over of the  
vast property of the Tennessee  
Coal & Iron Co. by the United  
States steel trust? Who choked  
off his lawyer from prosecuting  
Paul Morton for officially paying  
rebates? Who is to-day in close  
touch with J. P. Morgan, the  
man who is heavily adding to his  
great fortune by creating new  
trusts and uniting old ones?  
These facts will be thrust in  
Roosevelt's face when he comes  
roaring to these shores his old  
peachments.

### THE SOCIALIST VICTORY.

The Socialist party in the  
United States achieved its first  
great victory in the recent  
municipal election in the city of  
Milwaukee. The Socialists elect-  
ed their candidate for mayor by  
a plurality of over 7,000, the  
Democratic ticket running sec-  
ond and the Republican ticket  
third. The new council will  
consist of 21 Socialists, 10 Dem-  
ocrats and four Republicans; the  
board of supervisors of 11 Social-  
ists, three Republicans and two  
Democrats.

Various causes are ascribed  
for the Socialist victory, many  
of them local, but there can be  
no doubt that, in its larger  
significance, the result was a  
protest against existing condi-  
tions the country over. The Re-  
publican party has been doing  
all it can to make men Socialists.  
Goaded by great wrongs and  
abuses, such as the high cost of  
living enforced by the iniquitous  
tariff, without the compensating  
advantage of proportionate in-  
comes, a large element of the  
people of Milwaukee registered  
their protest by striking what  
they conceived to be the most  
effective kind of a blow at the  
system under which they are  
oppressed.

Whether or not the Milwaukee  
overturning is followed by other  
and similar Socialist victories is  
of course a matter for the future  
to determine. The Republican  
and Socialist parties represent  
the two extremes of paternalism.  
One is the party of special priv-  
ilege and plunder for the strong;  
the other would stretch the  
powers and activities of the  
government to a point never be-  
fore attained in any civilization.  
The Democratic party is the  
great and the only conservative  
political organization in this  
country to-day, and to it the  
people must turn if they would  
escape the oppression of re-  
actionary Republicanism on the  
one hand or the untried, un-  
certain theories of Socialism on  
the other.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT believes  
that when in Rome you should  
make the Roman sit up and take  
notice.

The man who claims he can  
drink whiskey or leave it alone  
causes the temperance workers  
the most worry.

Some sinners who refuse to  
give up their street car seats to  
ladies may be glad to get stand-  
ing room in heaven.

### Wm. Hess Dead.

We learn from the Mendon  
Constitution that Wm. Hess,  
aged 23 years, son of J. P. Hess  
of east of Mendon, died week  
before last at Denver, Colorado,  
where he had been for his health.  
The remains, accompanied by  
his two brothers who were with  
him at the time of his death,  
arrived in Mendon Friday and  
were taken to White Oak church  
where funeral services were con-  
ducted by Rev. Carter DeWeese  
of near Indian Grove, and inter-  
ment was made.



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